

EXHIBIT J

SB 561 Garnishment, previous; allows costs incurred by judgment creditor are chargeable to judgment debtor. another bill?

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Summary as passed Senate: (all summaries)

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Full text:

- 2 01/17/12 Senate: Presented and ordered printed 12103342D pdf
- 3 02/06/12 Senate: Committee substitute printed 12105096D-S1 pdf
- 4 02/22/12 Senate: Bill text as passed Senate and House (SB561ER) pdf
- 5 03/06/12 Governor: Acts of Assembly Chapter text (CHAP0127) pdf

Amendments:

- 6 House amendments
- 7 House amendments rejected

Status:

- 01/17/12 Senate: Presented and ordered printed 12103342D
- 8 01/17/12 Senate: Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice
- 02/06/12 Senate: Committee substitute printed 12105096D-S1
- 9 02/06/12 Senate: Reported from Courts of Justice with substitute (14-Y 0-N)
- 10 02/07/12 Senate: Constitutional reading dispensed (40-Y 0-N)
- 02/08/12 Senate: Read second time
- 02/08/12 Senate: Reading of substitute waived
- 02/08/12 Senate: Committee substitute agreed to 12105096D-S1
- 02/08/12 Senate: Engrossed by Senate - committee substitute SB561S1
- 11 02/09/12 Senate: Read third time and passed Senate (40-Y 0-N)
- 02/13/12 House: Placed on Calendar
- 02/13/12 House: Read first time
- 12 02/13/12 House: Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice
- 13 02/15/12 House: Reported from Courts of Justice with amendment (14-Y 4-N)
- 02/17/12 House: Read second time
- 02/20/12 House: Read third time
- 02/20/12 House: Committee amendment rejected
- 02/20/12 House: Passed House (98-Y 0-N)
- 14 02/20/12 House: VOTE: PASSAGE (98-Y 0-N)
- 02/22/12 Senate: Enrolled
- 02/22/12 Senate: Bill text as passed Senate and House (SB561ER)
- 02/22/12 Senate: Signed by President
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Summary as passed House:

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SENATE BILL NO. 561

Offered January 17, 2012

A BILL to amend and reenact § 8.01-511 of the Code of Virginia, relating to previous garnishments; costs.

Patron—Obenshain

Referred to Committee for Courts of Justice

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 8.01-511 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 8.01-511. Institution of garnishment proceedings.

On a suggestion by the judgment creditor that, by reason of the lien of his writ of fieri facias, there is a liability on any person other than the judgment debtor or that there is in the hands of some person in his capacity as personal representative of some decedent a sum of money to which a judgment debtor is or may be entitled as creditor or distributee of such decedent, upon which sum when determined such writ of fieri facias is a lien, a summons in the form prescribed by § 8.01-512.3 may (i) be sued out of the clerk's office of the court from which an execution on the judgment is issued so long as the judgment shall remain enforceable as provided in § 8.01-251, (ii) be sued out of the clerk's office to which an execution issued thereon has been returned as provided in § 16.1-99 against such person, or (iii) be sued out of the clerk's office from which an execution issued as provided in § 16.1-278.18. The summons and the notice and claim for exemption form required pursuant to § 8.01-512.4 shall be served on the garnishee, and shall be served on the judgment debtor promptly after service on the garnishee. Service on the judgment debtor and the garnishee shall be made pursuant to subdivision 1 or 2 of § 8.01-296. When making an application for garnishment, the judgment creditor shall set forth on the suggestion for summons in garnishment the last known address of the judgment debtor, and shall furnish the clerk, if service is to be made by the sheriff, or shall furnish any other person making service with an envelope, with first-class postage attached, addressed to such address. A copy of the summons and the notice and claim for exemptions form required under § 8.01-512.4 shall be sent by the clerk to the sheriff or provided by the judgment creditor to the person making service, with the process to be served. Promptly after service on the garnishee, the person making service shall mail such envelope by first-class mail to the judgment debtor at his last known address. If the person making service is unable to serve the judgment debtor pursuant to subdivision 1 of § 8.01-296, such mailing shall satisfy the mailing requirements of subdivision 2 b of § 8.01-296. The person making service shall note on his return the date of such mailing which, with the notation "copy mailed to judgment debtor," shall be sufficient proof of the mailing of such envelope with the required copy of the summons and the notice and claim for exemption form with no examination of such contents being required nor separate certification by the clerk or judgment creditor that the appropriate documents have been so inserted. If the person making service is unable to serve the judgment debtor pursuant to subdivision 1 or 2 of § 8.01-296, such mailing shall constitute service of process on the judgment debtor. The judgment creditor shall furnish the social security number of the judgment debtor to the clerk, except as hereinafter provided.

The judgment creditor may require the judgment debtor to furnish his correct social security number by the use of interrogatories. However, use of such interrogatories shall not be a required condition of a judgment creditor's diligent good faith effort to secure the judgment debtor's social security number. Such remedy shall be in addition to all other lawful remedies available to the judgment creditor.

Except as hereinafter provided, no summons shall be issued pursuant to this section for the garnishment of wages, salaries, commissions, or other earnings unless it: (i) is in the form prescribed by § 8.01-512.3; (ii) is directed to only one garnishee for the garnishment of only one judgment debtor; (iii) contains both the "TOTAL BALANCE DUE" and the social security number of the judgment debtor in the proper places as provided on the summons; and (iv) specifies that it is a garnishment against (a) the judgment debtor's wages, salary, or other compensation or (b) some other debt due or property of the judgment debtor. The garnishee shall not be liable to the judgment creditor for any property not specified in the summons as provided in (iv) above. Upon receipt of a summons not in compliance with this provision, the garnishee shall file a written answer to that effect and shall have no liability to the judgment creditor, such summons being void upon transmission of the answer.

However, if the judgment which the judgment creditor seeks to enforce (i) does not involve a business, trade or professional credit transaction entered into on or after January 1, 1984, or (ii) is based on any transaction entered into prior to January 1, 1984, then upon a representation by the judgment

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59 creditor, or his agent or attorney, that he has made a diligent good faith effort to secure the social
60 security number of the judgment debtor and has been unable to do so, the garnishment shall be issued
61 without the necessity for such number. In such cases, if the judgment debtor's correct social security
62 number is not shown in the place provided on the summons, and the judgment debtor's name and
63 address as shown on the garnishment summons do not match the name and current address of any
64 employee as shown on the current payroll records of the garnishee, the garnishee shall file a written
65 answer to that effect and shall have no liability to the judgment creditor, such summons being void upon
66 transmission of the answer.

67 The judgment creditor shall, in the suggestion, specify the amount of interest, if any, that is claimed
68 to be due upon the judgment, calculated to the return day of the summons. He shall also set out such
69 credits as may have been made upon the judgment.

70 *All costs incurred by the judgment creditor after entry of the judgment, in aid of execution of the*
71 *judgment and paid to a clerk of court, sheriff, or process server, provided that the fee of the process*
72 *server does not exceed the fee authorized for service by the sheriff, are chargeable against the judgment*
73 *debtor, unless such costs are chargeable against the judgment creditor pursuant to § 8.01-475. All such*
74 *previous costs chargeable against the judgment debtor may be included by the judgment creditor as*
75 *judgment costs in the garnishment summons form prescribed in § 8.01-512.3. This paragraph shall not*
76 *be construed to limit any cost assessed by a court as part of the judgment.*

77 No summons shall be issued pursuant to this section at the suggestion of the judgment creditor or his
78 assignee against the wages of a judgment debtor unless the judgment creditor, or his agent or attorney,
79 shall allege in his suggestion that the judgment for which enforcement is sought either (i) involves a
80 business, trade, or professional credit transaction entered into on or after January 1, 1984, or (ii) does
81 not involve a business, trade, or professional credit transaction entered into on or after January 1, 1984,
82 and a diligent good faith effort has been made by the judgment creditor, or his agent or attorney, to
83 secure the social security number of the judgment debtor.

84 In addition, the suggestion shall contain an allegation that:

85 1. The summons is based upon a judgment upon which a prior summons has been issued but not
86 fully satisfied; or

87 2. No summons has been issued upon his suggestion against the same judgment debtor within a
88 period of 18 months, other than under the provisions of subdivision 1; or

89 3. The summons is based upon a judgment granted against a debtor upon a debt due or made for
90 necessary food, rent or shelter, public utilities including telephone service, drugs, or medical care
91 supplied the debtor by the judgment creditor or to one of his lawful dependents, and that it was not for
92 luxuries or nonessentials; or

93 4. The summons is based upon a judgment for a debt due the judgment creditor to refinance a lawful
94 loan made by an authorized lending institution; or

95 5. The summons is based upon a judgment on an obligation incurred as an endorser or comaker upon
96 a lawful note; or

97 6. The summons is based upon a judgment for a debt or debts reaffirmed after bankruptcy.

98 Any judgment creditor who knowingly gives false information upon any such suggestion or
99 certificate made under this chapter shall be guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor.

100 2. That the provisions of this act shall apply to summonses issued on or after January 1, 2007.

2012 SESSION

SENATE SUBSTITUTE

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SENATE BILL NO. 561

AMENDMENT IN THE NATURE OF A SUBSTITUTE

(Proposed by the Senate Committee for Courts of Justice
on February 6, 2012)

(Patron Prior to Substitute—Senator Obenshain)

*A BILL to amend and reenact § 8.01-511 of the Code of Virginia, relating to previous garnishments; costs.***Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:****1. That § 8.01-511 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:****§ 8.01-511. Institution of garnishment proceedings.**

On a suggestion by the judgment creditor that, by reason of the lien of his writ of fieri facias, there is a liability on any person other than the judgment debtor or that there is in the hands of some person in his capacity as personal representative of some decedent a sum of money to which a judgment debtor is or may be entitled as creditor or distributee of such decedent, upon which sum when determined such writ of fieri facias is a lien, a summons in the form prescribed by § 8.01-512.3 may (i) be sued out of the clerk's office of the court from which an execution on the judgment is issued so long as the judgment shall remain enforceable as provided in § 8.01-251, (ii) be sued out of the clerk's office to which an execution issued thereon has been returned as provided in § 16.1-99 against such person, or (iii) be sued out of the clerk's office from which an execution issued as provided in § 16.1-278.18. The summons and the notice and claim for exemption form required pursuant to § 8.01-512.4 shall be served on the garnishee, and shall be served on the judgment debtor promptly after service on the garnishee. Service on the judgment debtor and the garnishee shall be made pursuant to subdivision 1 or 2 of § 8.01-296. When making an application for garnishment, the judgment creditor shall set forth on the suggestion for summons in garnishment the last known address of the judgment debtor, and shall furnish the clerk, if service is to be made by the sheriff, or shall furnish any other person making service with an envelope, with first-class postage attached, addressed to such address. A copy of the summons and the notice and claim for exemptions form required under § 8.01-512.4 shall be sent by the clerk to the sheriff or provided by the judgment creditor to the person making service, with the process to be served. Promptly after service on the garnishee, the person making service shall mail such envelope by first-class mail to the judgment debtor at his last known address. If the person making service is unable to serve the judgment debtor pursuant to subdivision 1 of § 8.01-296, such mailing shall satisfy the mailing requirements of subdivision 2 b of § 8.01-296. The person making service shall note on his return the date of such mailing which, with the notation "copy mailed to judgment debtor," shall be sufficient proof of the mailing of such envelope with the required copy of the summons and the notice and claim for exemption form with no examination of such contents being required nor separate certification by the clerk or judgment creditor that the appropriate documents have been so inserted. If the person making service is unable to serve the judgment debtor pursuant to subdivision 1 or 2 of § 8.01-296, such mailing shall constitute service of process on the judgment debtor. The judgment creditor shall furnish the social security number of the judgment debtor to the clerk, except as hereinafter provided.

The judgment creditor may require the judgment debtor to furnish his correct social security number by the use of interrogatories. However, use of such interrogatories shall not be a required condition of a judgment creditor's diligent good faith effort to secure the judgment debtor's social security number. Such remedy shall be in addition to all other lawful remedies available to the judgment creditor.

Except as hereinafter provided, no summons shall be issued pursuant to this section for the garnishment of wages, salaries, commissions, or other earnings unless it: (i) is in the form prescribed by § 8.01-512.3; (ii) is directed to only one garnishee for the garnishment of only one judgment debtor; (iii) contains both the "TOTAL BALANCE DUE" and the social security number of the judgment debtor in the proper places as provided on the summons; and (iv) specifies that it is a garnishment against (a) the judgment debtor's wages, salary, or other compensation or (b) some other debt due or property of the judgment debtor. The garnishee shall not be liable to the judgment creditor for any property not specified in the summons as provided in (iv) above. Upon receipt of a summons not in compliance with this provision, the garnishee shall file a written answer to that effect and shall have no liability to the judgment creditor, such summons being void upon transmission of the answer.

However, if the judgment which the judgment creditor seeks to enforce (i) does not involve a business, trade or professional credit transaction entered into on or after January 1, 1984, or (ii) is based on any transaction entered into prior to January 1, 1984, then upon a representation by the judgment creditor, or his agent or attorney, that he has made a diligent good faith effort to secure the social security number of the judgment debtor and has been unable to do so, the garnishment shall be issued

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without the necessity for such number. In such cases, if the judgment debtor's correct social security number is not shown in the place provided on the summons, and the judgment debtor's name and address as shown on the garnishment summons do not match the name and current address of any employee as shown on the current payroll records of the garnishee, the garnishee shall file a written answer to that effect and shall have no liability to the judgment creditor, such summons being void upon transmission of the answer.

The judgment creditor shall, in the suggestion, specify the amount of interest, if any, that is claimed to be due upon the judgment, calculated to the return day of the summons. He shall also set out such credits as may have been made upon the judgment.

All costs incurred by the judgment creditor after entry of the judgment, in aid of execution of the judgment and paid to a clerk of court, sheriff, or process server are chargeable against the judgment debtor, unless such costs are chargeable against the judgment creditor pursuant to § 8.01-475. Regardless of the actual amount of the fee paid by the judgment creditor, the fee for a process server chargeable against the judgment debtor shall not exceed the fee authorized for service by the sheriff. All such previous costs chargeable against the judgment debtor may be included by the judgment creditor as judgment costs in the garnishment summons form prescribed in § 8.01-512.3. This paragraph shall not be construed to limit any cost assessed by a court as part of the judgment.

No summons shall be issued pursuant to this section at the suggestion of the judgment creditor or his assignee against the wages of a judgment debtor unless the judgment creditor, or his agent or attorney, shall allege in his suggestion that the judgment for which enforcement is sought either (i) involves a business, trade, or professional credit transaction entered into on or after January 1, 1984, or (ii) does not involve a business, trade, or professional credit transaction entered into on or after January 1, 1984, and a diligent good faith effort has been made by the judgment creditor, or his agent or attorney, to secure the social security number of the judgment debtor.

In addition, the suggestion shall contain an allegation that:

1. The summons is based upon a judgment upon which a prior summons has been issued but not fully satisfied; or

2. No summons has been issued upon his suggestion against the same judgment debtor within a period of 18 months, other than under the provisions of subdivision 1; or

3. The summons is based upon a judgment granted against a debtor upon a debt due or made for necessary food, rent or shelter, public utilities including telephone service, drugs, or medical care supplied the debtor by the judgment creditor or to one of his lawful dependents, and that it was not for luxuries or nonessentials; or

4. The summons is based upon a judgment for a debt due the judgment creditor to refinance a lawful loan made by an authorized lending institution; or

5. The summons is based upon a judgment on an obligation incurred as an endorser or comaker upon a lawful note; or

6. The summons is based upon a judgment for a debt or debts reaffirmed after bankruptcy.

Any judgment creditor who knowingly gives false information upon any such suggestion or certificate made under this chapter shall be guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor.

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VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY — CHAPTER

An Act to amend and reenact § 8.01-511 of the Code of Virginia, relating to previous garnishments; costs.

[S 561]

Approved

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

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97 certificate made under this chapter shall be guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor.

VIRGINIA ACTS OF ASSEMBLY -- 2012 SESSION

CHAPTER 127

An Act to amend and reenact § 8.01-511 of the Code of Virginia, relating to previous garnishments; costs.

[S 561]

Approved March 6, 2012

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of Virginia:

1. That § 8.01-511 of the Code of Virginia is amended and reenacted as follows:

§ 8.01-511. Institution of garnishment proceedings.

On a suggestion by the judgment creditor that, by reason of the lien of his writ of fieri facias, there is a liability on any person other than the judgment debtor or that there is in the hands of some person in his capacity as personal representative of some decedent a sum of money to which a judgment debtor is or may be entitled as creditor or distributee of such decedent, upon which sum when determined such writ of fieri facias is a lien, a summons in the form prescribed by § 8.01-512.3 may (i) be sued out of the clerk's office of the court from which an execution on the judgment is issued so long as the judgment shall remain enforceable as provided in § 8.01-251, (ii) be sued out of the clerk's office to which an execution issued thereon has been returned as provided in § 16.1-99 against such person, or (iii) be sued out of the clerk's office from which an execution issued as provided in § 16.1-278.18. The summons and the notice and claim for exemption form required pursuant to § 8.01-512.4 shall be served on the garnishee, and shall be served on the judgment debtor promptly after service on the garnishee. Service on the judgment debtor and the garnishee shall be made pursuant to subdivision 1 or 2 of § 8.01-296. When making an application for garnishment, the judgment creditor shall set forth on the suggestion for summons in garnishment the last known address of the judgment debtor, and shall furnish the clerk, if service is to be made by the sheriff, or shall furnish any other person making service with an envelope, with first-class postage attached, addressed to such address. A copy of the summons and the notice and claim for exemptions form required under § 8.01-512.4 shall be sent by the clerk to the sheriff or provided by the judgment creditor to the person making service, with the process to be served. Promptly after service on the garnishee, the person making service shall mail such envelope by first-class mail to the judgment debtor at his last known address. If the person making service is unable to serve the judgment debtor pursuant to subdivision 1 of § 8.01-296, such mailing shall satisfy the mailing requirements of subdivision 2 b of § 8.01-296. The person making service shall note on his return the date of such mailing which, with the notation "copy mailed to judgment debtor," shall be sufficient proof of the mailing of such envelope with the required copy of the summons and the notice and claim for exemption form with no examination of such contents being required nor separate certification by the clerk or judgment creditor that the appropriate documents have been so inserted. If the person making service is unable to serve the judgment debtor pursuant to subdivision 1 or 2 of § 8.01-296, such mailing shall constitute service of process on the judgment debtor. The judgment creditor shall furnish the social security number of the judgment debtor to the clerk, except as hereinafter provided.

The judgment creditor may require the judgment debtor to furnish his correct social security number by the use of interrogatories. However, use of such interrogatories shall not be a required condition of a judgment creditor's diligent good faith effort to secure the judgment debtor's social security number. Such remedy shall be in addition to all other lawful remedies available to the judgment creditor.

Except as hereinafter provided, no summons shall be issued pursuant to this section for the garnishment of wages, salaries, commissions, or other earnings unless it: (i) is in the form prescribed by § 8.01-512.3; (ii) is directed to only one garnishee for the garnishment of only one judgment debtor; (iii) contains both the "TOTAL BALANCE DUE" and the social security number of the judgment debtor in the proper places as provided on the summons; and (iv) specifies that it is a garnishment against (a) the judgment debtor's wages, salary, or other compensation or (b) some other debt due or property of the judgment debtor. The garnishee shall not be liable to the judgment creditor for any property not specified in the summons as provided in (iv) above. Upon receipt of a summons not in compliance with this provision, the garnishee shall file a written answer to that effect and shall have no liability to the judgment creditor, such summons being void upon transmission of the answer.

However, if the judgment which the judgment creditor seeks to enforce (i) does not involve a business, trade or professional credit transaction entered into on or after January 1, 1984, or (ii) is based on any transaction entered into prior to January 1, 1984, then upon a representation by the judgment creditor, or his agent or attorney, that he has made a diligent good faith effort to secure the social security number of the judgment debtor and has been unable to do so, the garnishment shall be issued without the necessity for such number. In such cases, if the judgment debtor's correct social security

number is not shown in the place provided on the summons, and the judgment debtor's name and address as shown on the garnishment summons do not match the name and current address of any employee as shown on the current payroll records of the garnishee, the garnishee shall file a written answer to that effect and shall have no liability to the judgment creditor, such summons being void upon transmission of the answer.

The judgment creditor shall, in the suggestion, specify the amount of interest, if any, that is claimed to be due upon the judgment, calculated to the return day of the summons. He shall also set out such credits as may have been made upon the judgment.

All costs incurred by the judgment creditor after entry of the judgment, in aid of execution of the judgment and paid to a clerk of court, sheriff, or process server are chargeable against the judgment debtor, unless such costs are chargeable against the judgment creditor pursuant to § 8.01-475. Regardless of the actual amount of the fee paid by the judgment creditor, the fee for a process server chargeable against the judgment debtor shall not exceed the fee authorized for service by the sheriff. All such previous costs chargeable against the judgment debtor may be included by the judgment creditor as judgment costs in the garnishment summons form prescribed in § 8.01-512.3. This paragraph shall not be construed to limit any cost assessed by a court as part of the judgment.

No summons shall be issued pursuant to this section at the suggestion of the judgment creditor or his assignee against the wages of a judgment debtor unless the judgment creditor, or his agent or attorney, shall allege in his suggestion that the judgment for which enforcement is sought either (i) involves a business, trade, or professional credit transaction entered into on or after January 1, 1984, or (ii) does not involve a business, trade, or professional credit transaction entered into on or after January 1, 1984, and a diligent good faith effort has been made by the judgment creditor, or his agent or attorney, to secure the social security number of the judgment debtor.

In addition, the suggestion shall contain an allegation that:

1. The summons is based upon a judgment upon which a prior summons has been issued but not fully satisfied; or
2. No summons has been issued upon his suggestion against the same judgment debtor within a period of 18 months, other than under the provisions of subdivision 1; or
3. The summons is based upon a judgment granted against a debtor upon a debt due or made for necessary food, rent or shelter, public utilities including telephone service, drugs, or medical care supplied the debtor by the judgment creditor or to one of his lawful dependents, and that it was not for luxuries or nonessentials; or
4. The summons is based upon a judgment for a debt due the judgment creditor to refinance a lawful loan made by an authorized lending institution; or
5. The summons is based upon a judgment on an obligation incurred as an endorser or comaker upon a lawful note; or
6. The summons is based upon a judgment for a debt or debts reaffirmed after bankruptcy.

Any judgment creditor who knowingly gives false information upon any such suggestion or certificate made under this chapter shall be guilty of a Class 1 misdemeanor.

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02/06/12 Senate: Reported from Courts of Justice with substitute (14-Y 0-N)

YEAS--Saslaw, Marsh, Howell, Lucas, Edwards, Puller, Obenshain, McDougle, McEachin, Stuart, Vogel, Stanley, Reeves, Garrett--14.

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RULE 36--0.

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NAYS--Watts, Toscano, Herring, McClellan--4.

ABSTENTIONS--0.

NOT VOTING--0.

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floor: 02/20/12 House: VOTE: PASSAGE (98-Y 0-N)

YEAS--Albo, Alexander, Anderson, BaCote, Bell, Richard P., Bell, Robert B., Brink, Bulova, Byron, Carr, Cole, Comstock, Cosgrove, Cox, J.A., Cox, M.K., Crockett-Stark, Dance, Dudenhefer, Edmunds, Englin, Fariss, Farrell, Filler-Corn, Garrett, Gilbert, Greason, Habeeb, Head, Helsel, Herring, Hodges, Hope, Howell, A.T., Hugo, Iaquinto, Ingram, James, Joannou, Johnson, Jones, Kearn, Kilgore, Knight, Kory, Landes, LeMunyon, Lewis, Lingamfelter, Lopez, Loupassi, Marshall, D.W., Marshall, R.G., Massie, May, McClellan, McQuinn, Merricks, Miller, Minchew, Morefield, Morrissey, O'Bannon, O'Quinn, Orrock, Peace, Plum, Pogge, Poindexter, Purkey, Putney, Ramadan, Ransone, Robinson, Rush, Rust, Scott, E.T., Scott, J.M., Sherwood, Sickles, Spruill, Stolle, Surovell, Tata, Torian, Toscano, Tyler, Villanueva, Ward, Ware, O., Ware, R.L., Watson, Watts, Webert, Wilt, Wright, Yancey, Yost, Mr. Speaker--98.

NAYS--0.

ABSTENTIONS--0.

NOT VOTING--Cline, Morris--2.

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